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## TENNESSEE FIRE SERVICE AND CODES ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

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### GRADUATING CLASS LARGEST IN ACADEMY HISTORY

**Bell Buckle, TN** – The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy will graduate its largest class in history. State Fire Marshal and Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie A. Newman will deliver the commencement address to the class of 25 recruit firefighters Friday, August 31, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

Located on 330 acres in northern Bedford County, this state-of-the-art training facility has been a “home away from home” for the recruits during this 8 week class.

Recruits endured blistering heat while performing a variety of training exercises. From victim rescue, to hazardous fuel spills and a live fire, recruits are presented with a variety of life and death scenarios. Unique to this class, are four students who have no affiliation with a fire department, but a strong drive to become a firefighter.

"This premier facility prepares first responders using 'live' simulations. This approach primes recruits, presenting situations they will commonly face as firefighters. The academy's reputation for providing exceptional training and customer service directly correlates to the increasing number of graduates. I am proud of this facility and I am especially proud to share in their accomplishments by delivering the commencement address", said Commissioner Newman.

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy offers a unique dual curriculum. The Academy provides nearly 500 courses to fire departments, codes professionals and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

For more information about the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, visit [www.tennessee.gov/commerce](http://www.tennessee.gov/commerce) or call toll free 1-800-747-8868 or 931-294-4111

#### Firefighter Recruit | Participating Fire Departments:

Columbia Fire Department  
Cookeville Fire Department  
Covington Fire Department  
Germantown Fire Department  
Lascassas Volunteer Fire Department  
Loudon Fire Department  
Manchester Fire Department

Marlow Volunteer Fire Department  
Maury County Rural Fire Department  
McMinnville Fire Department  
Mullins Cove Volunteer Fire Department  
Smyrna Fire Department  
Wilson County EMA

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